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Greetings Fellow Hoosier,

Please find the Children's Trust Fund Annual Report for the fiscal year 2002 enclosed. Throughout this report you will see the difference The Children's Trust Fund and Kids First license plates are making in the lives of children across the state of Indiana as we continue to assist many programs that prevent child abuse and neglect.

We at the Children's Trust Fund are excited about the growth and development that have recently come about. With continued administrative support, the Trust Fund has been able to continue to offer services to grantees through a web page. This also allows the public to acquire information about the Children's Trust Fund and to give feedback. The website has already been updated many times and includes information such as a brief history of the Trust Fund, a list of current Board Members, a list of currently funded agencies, and other items of interest, as needed. The web page also allows agencies to download forms that are needed to fulfill their contract agreement, thus cutting down on the cost of reproducing and mailing such forms. Please feel free to visit our web page at www.in.gov/fssa/children/grant.html.

In this past year, the Children's Trust Fund Board utilized the talent of the marketing team Lee/Willis Communications. They have worked diligently to increase knowledge of the Children's Trust Fund. They partnered with Panther Racing to promote the Kids First plates at the Indy 500. They secured a deal with PIP printing to allow the Children's Trust Fund to be the focus of the 2003 charity calendar. They also designed and printed T-shirts with the CTF logo on the back to be used as fundraisers and other promotions. These shirts are still available and are tax deductible.

All of these advances were possible due, in part, to support from our legislators who allowed for the changes. We are very thankful and will continue to make strides toward our goal of reducing child abuse and neglect.

Thank You,

Maria Del Rio-Hoover,
Chairperson, Indiana Children's Trust Fund

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INTRODUCTION

The Indiana General Assembly established the Indiana Children's Trust Fund in 1994. Legislation called for the design and issuance of a Children's Trust Fund license plate. "KIDS FIRST" license plates became available in January 1995. Proceeds from the sale of such plates are then granted to community programs throughout the state of Indiana, which address the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The Indiana Children's Trust Fund is maintained by a 10-person, volunteer Board. (See Attachment A for a roster of Board Members). The Board must make a decision as to which programs will be funded each year. The State of Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family and Children, contracts with grant awardees based on the decision of the Board.

MISSION

Children are our most important assets; therefore, the mission of the Indiana Children's Trust Fund is to promote the health of children and reduce infant mortality, by funding programs, which prevent child abuse and neglect.

GOALS

The Board has adopted the following goals as a means of fulfilling the overall mission:

1. Reduce the number of deaths due to abuse and neglect;
2. Reduce the total number of substantiated cases of abuse and neglect;
3. Reduce the infant mortality rate.



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Hoosiers helping Hoosiers



The support of generous Hoosiers from around the state makes these success stories possible. Thanks to the sale of Kids First license plates, we have been able to assist hundreds of Indiana agencies and thousands of Indiana children. In the past year, The Children's Trust Fund Board elicited the assistance of Lee/Willis Communications in an effort to raise more monies for the allocations of the funds. It is the hope of the Board to be able to help more organizations prevent the tragedy of abuse and neglect.

Some of the opportunities that have come from having the assistance of Lee/Willis Communications are that The Children's Trust Fund was selected by Pennzoil Panther racing team as their not-for-profit organization. We were fortunate enough to participate in Community Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and speak with people in regards to the importance of the "Kids First" license plate.

Lastly, in conjunction with the marketing team, The Children's Trust Fund "Kids First" license plate was selected by PIP printing and Dynamark Graphics group as the not-for-profit organization to be the Calendar for the upcoming year. What an honor to be able to display the importance and the effects that the monies made from the sell of the plates has done for the State of Indiana.



What else can I do to help?

If you would like to make a direct, tax-deductible donation, please make checks payable to Children's Trust Fund (\$25, \$50, \$200, \$500, \$1,000 or more) and send it to: Indiana Children's Trust Fund, PO Box 6053, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6053. The Children's Trust Fund will make every effort to see that your money helps to fund programs in or around your region.



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Lending a helping hand



Many of us already have a Children's Trust Fund "Kids First" license plate on our vehicle. Certainly most of us have seen the colorful hand-printed plates on Hoosier roadways. These special plates benefit children all around the state of Indiana.

The Children's Trust Fund sends contributions from "Kids First" plates sales directly to local community programs that prevent the tragedy of child abuse and neglect. For the year 2002, the Children's Trust Fund assisted 86 agencies (this covered 88 programs) throughout the state with over \$2.5 million.

Through this fiscal year, the Indiana Children's Trust Fund Plate was the second highest plate sold. This put this plate directly under the Heritage Trust Fund Plate. Although we were the second highest plates sold, we sold 6,000 less than the previous year.

The Children's Trust Fund is a unique plate in that we educate families to learn to prevent abuse and neglect before it ever happens. Therefore, we continue to appreciate those that purchase the plates and help our young children continue to have a life without abuse/neglect.

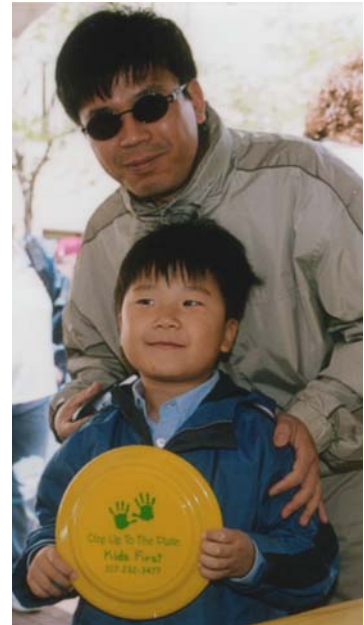




Putting kids first

Research clearly identifies that child abuse and neglect have harmful long-term effects. When abuse occurs-especially from birth to age four-a child's mental and physical development can be dramatically delayed. The long-term costs of these tragedies pale in comparison to the pain and suffering our children have to endure due to abuse and neglect.

Children's Trust Fund grant recipients work to provide practical solutions that teach good parenting skills, including the importance of nutrition, how to be an active parent and how to discipline without ever even spanking the child. Other programs provide children with encouragement that helps them grow up healthy so as to help break the intergenerational chain of abuse and neglect. Simple steps like talking, reading and singing to your baby help build a strong foundation for learning throughout your child's lifetime.



Making a difference



From big cities to small towns, The Children's Trust Fund puts Indiana children first by funding agencies that prevent child abuse and neglect. The following pages highlight several programs that have benefited from Trust Fund grants.

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FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2002

Expenses

Personal Service	1,600.00
Services O/T.	1,389.00
Services by Contract	54,477.00
Materials and Supplies	303.00
Program Services	2,314,116.00
In-State Travel	1,805.00
<u>Out of State Travel</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$2,373,690.00

Income

"Kids First" Plate Sales	1,515,900.00
Fee Collections (Marriage & Divorce Filing Fees)	298,342.00
Heirloom Birth Certificate Sales	598.00
Cash Donations	941.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>202,650.00</u>
Total	\$2,018,431.00

Fiscal Year 2002

<u>Program Funding</u>	<u># of Programs</u>	<u>\$ Award</u>
Parent Education & Support	43	1,188,330.00
Home &/or Hospital Visitation	15	473,149.00
Professional Training	2	144,105.00
Public Awareness / Education	11	263,371.00
Life Skills for Youth & Children	13	420,148.00
Family Resources Center	2	40,753.00
<u>Local Council / Network</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	86	\$2,529,856.00

Total grants and dollars awarded by year

<u>Year</u>	<u># of Programs</u>	<u>\$ Award</u>
1997	54	1,968,000
1998	67	2,432,857
1999	74	2,938,895
2000	66	2,616,895
2001	67	2,278,072

Program Funding Fiscal Year 2002

Parent Education & Support

1. Adult & Child Center, Inc.	27,892.00
2. Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services, Inc.	18,817.00
3. Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Indiana	8,712.00
4. Child-Adult Resources, Inc.	38,435.00
5. Children and Family Services, Inc.	21,780.00
6. Children's Bureau of Indianapolis, Inc.	19,865.00
7. Clark County Youth Shelter	20,290.00
8. Dubois-Pike-Warrick Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc.	18,860.00
9. El Buen Vecino	5,000.00
10. Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp.	27,921.00
11. Exchange Club	33,937.00
12. FSA of Central Indiana (Healthy Families)	28,138.00
13. FSA of Monroe County	41,468.00
14. Families United, Inc.	15,432.00
15. Family Focused Nurturing Services, Inc.	20,421.00
16. Family Services, Inc. (Healthy Families)	34,677.00
17. Family Services and Prevention Programs, Inc.	39,961.00
18. Gary Neighborhood Services, Inc.	23,901.00
19. Healthy Families of Hamilton County, Inc.	48,808.00
20. Helping Our People Excel, Inc	54,373.00
21. Indiana Perinatal Network, Inc.	43,588.00
22. Indiana University School of Nursing	30,490.00
23. Indianapolis Public School Corp.	21,780.00
24. LaPorte County Child Abuse Prevention Council, Inc.	29,667.00
25. Lincoln Hills Development Center	11,925.00
26. Lutheran Child and Family Services, Inc.	39,960.00
27. Marshall-Starke Development Center	23,005.00
28. Marion Community Schools	8,712.00
29. Memorial Hospital and Health System	42,658.00
30. Mental Health Association of Lake County	26,814.00
31. New Castle Area Vocational School (The Family Connection)	30,943.00
32. Noah's Ark	26,135.00
33. Noble, Inc.	21,780.00
34. North West Indiana Health Department Cooperative	42,267.00
35. Ripley County Family Services, Inc.	15,173.00
36. South Central Community Mental Health Centers, Inc.	13,473.00
37. St. Elizabeth's	29,110.00
38. Stone Belt Arc, Inc.	36,298.00
39. United Health Services of St. Joseph County	42,703.00
40. The Villages of Indiana	46,551.00
41. Wabash Valley Human Services, Inc.	28,705.00
42. YSB of Huntington County	9,891.00
43. YSB of Wabash County, Inc.	<u>18,014.00</u>

Total	\$1,188,330.00
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Home &/or Hospital Visitation

1. YMED/CAP Council of Bartholomew County, Inc.(Caring Parents)	12,755.00
2. Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc.	55,862.00
3. Christian Haven	17,364.00
4. Family and Children's Center, Counseling and Development Services	68,525.00
5. Family Service of Bartholomew County (Healthy Families)	7,995.00
6. FSA of Howard County (Healthy Families)	35,822.00
7. Hamilton Center (Healthy Families)	20,855.00
8. Indiana Health Centers	39,202.00
9. La Casa De Amistad	5,000.00
10. North Adams School Corp. (Healthy Families)	41,544.00
11. Orange County Child Care Cooperative (Healthy Families)	17,430.00
12. Rauch, Inc (Healthy Families)	35,580.00
13. Youth Service Bureau, Inc. (Healthy Families)	26,815.00
14. YSB of Porter County, Inc.	33,644.00
15. YSB of St. Joseph County, Inc	<u>54,756.00</u>
Total	\$473,149.00

Public Awareness/Education

1. CAP Council of Bartholomew County, Inc. (Public Awareness)	14,030.00
2. Community Care in Union County	17,423.00
3. Domestic Violence Network of Greater Indianapolis	8,712.00
4. Family Services, Inc.	39,202.00
5. New Castle Area Vocational School (Special Projects)	10,375.00
6. Open Door Health Center	23,125.00
7. PSI Services III, Inc.	49,550.00
8. Putnam County Family Support Services, Inc.	34,355.00
9. SCAN	21,150.00
10. Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Inc.	30,490.00
11. White County Family YMCA	<u>14,959.00</u>
Total	\$263,371.00

Life Skills for Children & Youth

1. Alternatives, Inc of Madison County	30,163.00
2. Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Elkhart County	36,557.00
3. The Bridgework Theatre, Inc	28,304.00
4. Brownstown Central Community School Corp	37,716.00
5. Center for Nonviolence	25,338.00
6. Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	12,640.00
7. Decatur County Big Brothers, Big Sisters	30,490.00
8. Education for Conflict Resolution	64,823.00
9. Floyd County Circuit Court	28,830.00
10. Furthering Youth, Inc.	22,847.00
11. Peace Learning Center	53,854.00
12. YWCA of Greater Lafayette	5,028.00
13. Youth First, Inc.	<u>43,558.00</u>
Total	\$420,148.00

Professional Training

1. Prevent Child Abuse Indiana	68,385.00
2. Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Inc	<u>75,720.00</u>
Total	\$144,105.00

Family Resources Center

1. Blue River Services, Inc.	13,070.00
2. Interfaith Community Council, Inc.	<u>27,683.00</u>
Total	\$40,753.00

Local Council/Network Support

None at this time

Overall Total	\$2,529,856.00
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NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND TOTAL AMOUNTS BY COUNTY
2001-2002

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u># of PROGRAMS</u>	<u>AMOUNT AWARDED</u>
ADAMS	1	\$41,544.00
ALLEN	3	\$122,208.00
BARTHOLOMEW	3	\$34,780.00
BOONE	1	\$28,138.00
CASS	1	\$18,817.00
CLARK	1	\$20,290.00
CRAWFORD	1	\$13,070.00
DECATUR	1	\$30,490.00
DUBOIS	1	\$18,860.00
ELKHART	3	\$120,723.00
FLOYD	3	\$92,093.00
FOUNTAIN	1	\$15,432.00
GRANT	2	\$47,914.00
HAMILTON	1	\$48,808.00
HARRISON	1	\$22,847.00
HENRY	2	\$41,318.00
HOWARD	1	\$35,822.00
HUNTINGTON	1	\$9,891.00
JACKSON	2	\$84,267.00
JASPER	1	\$17,364.00
JOHNSON	1	\$27,892.00
KNOX	2	\$50,485.00
LAKE	4	\$142,532.00
LAPORTE	4	\$137,655.00
MADISON	2	\$64,100.00
MARION	11	\$346,236.00
MARSHALL	1	\$23,005.00
MONROE	3	\$91,239.00
MORGAN	1	\$38,435.00
ORANGE	1	\$17,430.00
PORTER	1	\$33,644.00
PULASKI	1	\$11,925.00
PUTNAM	1	\$34,355.00
RIPLEY	1	\$15,173.00
ST. JOSEPH	5	\$163,886.00
SHELBY	1	\$39,961.00
STEUBEN	1	\$54,756.00
TIPPECANOE	3	\$78,907.00
UNION	2	\$30,063.00
VANDEBURGH	3	\$98,294.00
VIGO	1	\$20,855.00
WABASH	3	\$103,258.00
WAYNE	1	\$26,135.00
<u>WHITE</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$14,959.00</u>
TOTAL	86	\$2,529,856.00

Parents Are a Child's First Teacher

The Exchange Club Family Resource Center, Inc. based in Madison County has been working with families since 1984 to better the quality of life for the children in the community. The program within our agency that is funded through the Children's Trust Fund is the Parents As Teachers program. Through the Parents As Teachers (P.A.T.) program, our goal is to help parents be confident teachers so their children can achieve their full potential. P.A.T. goals include helping parents give their child the best possible start in life, to increase parents' understanding of child development and the appropriate ways to encourage their child's learning, and to promote strong bonds between parents and child. This program provides certified Parent Educators to help parents understand their children and develop appropriate expectations of childhood behavior. Families in the Parents As Teachers Program receive the following services: Personalized home visits once a month where the P.A.T. educator brings current information from the latest research. This information that is shared with the parents can range from a wide variety of parenting topics to child development stages. The one-hour visits include an activity for the parent and child, which will enhance their growth and development. Another area of the P.A.T program are the parent group meetings/play groups where all enrolled families have the opportunity to meet in an open environment to share experiences and concerns with each other. Periodic screening is also done within the P.A.T. program to ensure that a child has no undetected learning, hearing, vision, or developmental delays. The P.A.T. program also serves as a referral network that can help parents find special services, if needed that are beyond what P.A.T. provides. Currently through the Parents As Teachers program we are serving 31 children, 4 pre-natal cases, and 27 parents.

One example of great success is a family with an 8-month-old son who has been enrolled in the program for 9 months. Service began with prenatal visits near the end of the mother's pregnancy and has continued every month since. This mother shared that she enjoys the P.A.T. program because it has given her an abundance of information in the area of age appropriate milestones in child development. She has scored in the A range on all pre and post tests in the area of child development and milestones, administered by the social worker. Knowing what these milestones are, helps her recognize the rate at which her son is developing intellectually, in his language skills, motor skills, and social skills. The mother also shared that since she is aware of age-appropriate milestones in child development, she now has "peace of mind" and feels comfortable with her parenting, knowing that her son is developing well. Using the information that has been presented to her, this mother has been her child's best first teacher. This is evident in her son's development. Not only is he functioning at the appropriate levels of development, he is also advanced in some areas such as gross motor skills and intellectual skills.



YMCA Gives Kids the “Warm Fuzzies”

The Warm Fuzzy Clubs began in 1993 as a result of a Purdue Extension training program for older youth. These youth identified peer pressures facing elementary students as a serious issue in the county. Thus, they suggested the idea of an after school program that could help students better deal with these problems. The Purdue Extension - White County Office teamed with the White County Family YMCA to offer this program, sharing personnel resources to plan and implement the program.

The Warm Fuzzy Clubs in White County meet once each month, after school, at all 10 elementary schools that serve White County students. The program is designed to help students learn basic life skills that they will need to be productive adults, including decision-making, responsibility, teamwork, communication, etc. Topics are discussed each month that help students learn these skills while also learning how to avoid situations that could lead to abuse or neglect. They are also taught to avoid the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.

White County Family YMCA Warm Fuzzy Clubs increased nearly 20% in attendance over the past school year. Topics reported most frequently by students as the most important thing they learned from the Warm Fuzzy Club were: “don’t do drugs, kids are special, be nice, make friends, be respectful, and no child abuse or neglect.” A parent wrote, “Just wanted to thank you for a wonderful year! You are so good with the kids and teach them so much! Please continue your ‘good works’!”

The YMCA has also teamed with a local radio station to write and record 30 public service announcements to help parents more effectively work with their children in a positive way and to help them avoid abusive or neglectful situations. Three PSA’s are played daily, 2 in the morning, and 1 in the afternoon. For each PSA paid for from the CTF grant, the radio station donates an additional one.

A sample PSA is: “Parents, your child will sometimes make mistakes, often unintentionally. Your reaction to those mistakes is the key. Remember to speak to your child respectfully just as you expect to be treated. You may not like your child's behavior, but always show your love for your child. Use a calm voice and be sure your directions are clear. As your child corrects the situation, give lots of praise. This message has been brought to you by the White County Family YMCA and WMRS through a grant from the Indiana Children's Trust Fund and Kids’ First license plates.”



Giving Parents the Information and Support That They Need

Adult and Child Center's NEXT-STEP program is a home-visitation program targeting parents with children 0-3 years old. Family Support Workers (FSW) typically visit families on a weekly basis, spending an average of an hour in the home. During visits, families are given the opportunity to talk about their successes and opportunities for improvement; the FSW provides support, suggestions, and written materials about nurturing and child development. FSW also assist families with accessing community services. All participants who have been enrolled in the program for at least three months have up-to-date immunizations.

One family recently 'graduated' from this program when the youngest child turned four-years old. This mother had a history with Child Protective Services with her two older children for approximately three years. She needed some help connecting with the school corporation's special services for her older child. She became involved in NEXT-STEP services, wary due to her previous 'system' experiences. This mother remained with NEXT-STEP services for three years. She was not a mother who lived in crisis and expected the FSW to resolve all of her problems. She did expect weekly child development information regarding her children and play/craft ideas from her FSW. In fact, she requested 'blue pages' for every home visit. Blue pages are games, activities, and child development information. Our lesson from this is that most families are invested in learning, laughing, and playing together. As a service provider, we need to stay focused on that, instead of falling into the rut of resolving crisis on a daily basis.





ATTACHMENT A



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